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AND PL-480

1. THAI AMBASSADOR ANAN PAID A COURTESY CALL ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY EDMOND FEB 5. ANAN EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN OVER PL-480 EXPORTS, BUT EDMOND ASSURED HIM THAT THE U.S. WOULD BE SURE TO TAKE THAI INTERESTS INTO CONSIDERATION IN DEVELOPING ANY PROGRAMS INVOLVING SUCH TRADITIONAL THAI MARKETS AS INDONESIA. EDMOND SAID THAT THE SUPPLY OF COMMODITIES FOR PL-480 WAS DOWN AND THAT THE PROGRAM NOW BEING PLANNED FOR INDONESIA "SHOULD NOT BE UNACCEPTABLE TO THAILAND."

2. AFTER REVIEWING THE HISTORY OF CLOSE U.S. RELATIONS WITH
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THAILAND'S FORMER MILITARY REGIMES, ANAN SAID THAT HE

HOPED THE U.S. WOULD DEVELOP ECONOMIC POLICIES TOWARD THAILAND WHICH WOULD ENCOURAGE THE CURRENT THAI DEMOCRATIC EXPERIMENT. HE SAID HE REFERRED NOT ONLY TO PL-480 BUT ALSO AID LEVELS. TURNING ANAN'S POINT AROUND, EDMOND SAID THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TOWARD GETTING ANY NEW THAI GOVERNMENT'S RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. OFF TO AN AUSPICIOUS START IF THAILAND COULD FIND IT POSSIBLE TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING ON THE COTTON CONTRACTS ISSUE. EDMOND SAID THAT WE

KNEW THE PROBLEM WAS NOT AN EASY ONE BUT WE HOPED THAT THE RTG COULD DO MORE THAN JUST APPLY "MORAL SUASION."

3. EDMOND WENT ON TO SAY THAT THAILAND'S TRADITIONAL FRIENDS IN CONGRESS WERE THE VERY CONGRESSIONAL FIGURES MOST CONCERNED OVER THE COTTON CONTRACTS PROBLEM. HE SAID THAT THE U.S. WAS PREPARED TO TRY TO BE HELPFUL IN SEEKING A SOLUTION, SPECIFICALLY MENTIONING THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING CCC CREDITS AVAILABLE TO FINANCE ANY EXTRA COSTS.

4. ANAN SAID HE WOULD REPORT WHAT EDMOND HAD SAID. HE REPEATED HIS PLEA THAT U.S. RELATIONS WITH THE NEW THAI REGIME SHOULD GET OFF TO A GOOD START, SAID THAT HE DOUBTED ANY THAI GOVERNMENT COULD BE AS TOUGH WITH ITS SPINNERS AS THE GROC, AND ASKED IF SAMPLES OF CCC CREDIT AGREEMENTS COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO HIM. EDMOND SAID WE WOULD GIVE HIM AN EXAMPLE AS SOON AS WE HAD ONE ALL DRAWN UP AND IN EFFECT.

5. FULL MEMCON WILL BE POUCHED TO BANGKOK. KISSINGER

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